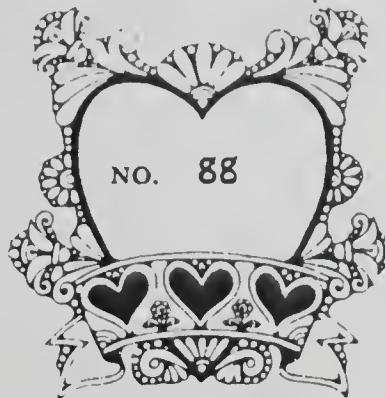




Love Token Society

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1983

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income: \$ 605.73 - Bal. Jan. 1, 1983
 25.00 - Memory James Martin
 13.00 - Donations
 643.73
 695.00 - Dues
 1,338.73
 229.53 - Expenses
 \$ 1,109.20

Expenses:
 Check # 166 - Stamps \$ 20.70
 Check # 167 - ANA Patrons Program 10.00
 Check # 168 - Env. 126.85
 Postage - \$ 26.15
 Typing - 2.00
 Copy Cat - 30.90
 UPS - 12.93
 Check # 169 - 71.98
 Total - \$ 229.53

203 Members NEW MEMBERS

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Woodstock, Ga. 30188

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Leater Prince
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Raymond, N. H. 63077

Aime J. Huard
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Orlando, Fla. 32811

Mr. Sol Taylor
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N. Hollywood, Calif. 91616

Change of Address

Tom Vincent
331 Columbia Ave.
Sunnyside, Wash. 98944

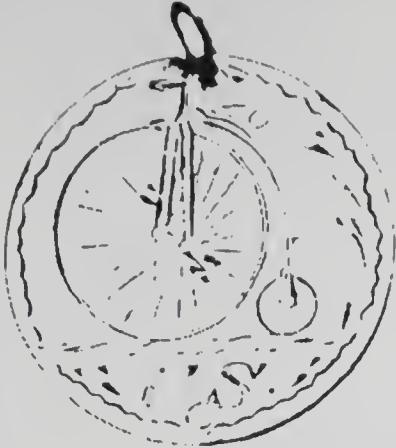
Evalene J. Pulati
1120 N. Westwood
Santa Ana, Calif. 92703

Deceased

Mr. Benjamin Luntz
967 Asylum Ave.
Hartford, Conn. 06105

DUES - for 1983 are \$5.00 per year. Please enclose stamp or stamped envelope with remittance. Any Member not PAID by April 1, 1983, will be dropped from membership and will not receive future Love Letters or be listed in Membership Directory.

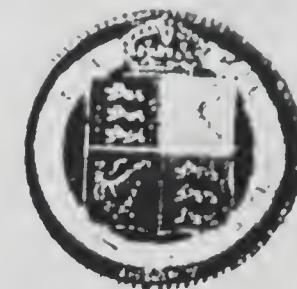
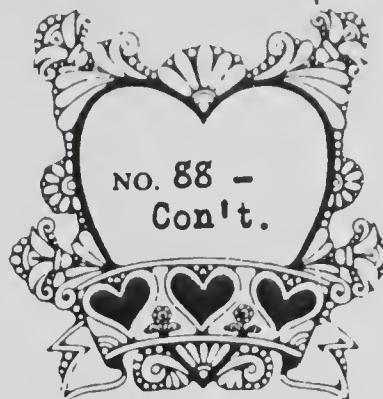
NOTE: PLEASE SEND ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE TO NEW SECRETARY. Mr. Joseph Lowry, 1832 North 77th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Ill. 60635



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WANTED : Trade off my One Dollar Gold Love Tokens to members only. 17 pieces Type 1, 2 and 3, SASE will assure reply. Value each at \$55.00 but will only trade off for that amount, none for sale, only trade off for whatever you may have, silver coins, silver dollars, 6 fine or better Morgan or Peace, write first.

John Susleck, Box 34173, San Francisco, Calif. 94134

WANTED: Name and Address of an engraver who will plane off and engrave my silver Dollar to my specs. James K. Allen, Rt. 6, Box 183, Franklin, North Carolina 28734

WANTED: Initials 'KV' or 'TV' on any love token. Tom Vincent, 331 Columbia Ave. Sunnyside, Washington 98944

WANTED: Music (Instruments or musicians) wanted. 'Jenny' or 'Jennifer' or 'JH' on any coin wanted. Rich Hartzog, P. O. Box 4143, Rockford, Ill. 61110

TRADE: A Honolulu Dog Tag (used) would make a nice love token for your dog. Send 2 Transportation tokens or World Coins and 20Cent stamp for trade. Mr. Ralph E. Brown, 1453 Puanakau St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

WANTED: Love Tokens with the following initials -- KJB, MEB, SGB, MAJ, HSR, RCB or names -- Marie, Sharon, Sandy, Maria, or Ida. Please describe and price in first letter. Thanks. Ken Barr, P. O. Box 32541, San Jose, Calif. 95152

WANTED: Address of Mr. William S. Nawrocki, Author of 'Morgan Dollars in Love' on page 207 of our note book pages. Please inform: James K. Allen, Rt. 6, Box 183, Franklin, North Carolina 28734

Dear Friends and Members:

It is with pleasure that I give up the Sec.-Treas and shall continue to serve you as Vice-Pres. The position has been gratifying and the many friends made thru the years (6) is wonderful. Congratulations to Mr. Joseph Lowry, your new Sec.-Treas.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Louise M. Campbell

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Income: \$1,109.20 - Bal. May 1, 1983
 18.00 - Donations
 185.00 - Dues
79.59 - Expenses
 \$1,232.61

Expenses:	
Check #100 - Stamps, Printing	\$ 47.95
Check #101 - Envelopes, Postage	30.14
Expense by L. Campbell for	
Certified Check	2.00
	\$ 79.59

187 MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS

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H. Steele
 Box 12107
 Houston, TX 77217

Thanks to the following members who made donations to the society this past month:
 Jane Finnell, Helen Moore, Lloyd Entenmann, David Boeshaar, Paul Whitnah.

There is a book coming up on Love Tokens. It was supposed to be published in February. However, due to the money crunch, it has been delayed until the later part of July. There is a book on HOBO NICKELS that is available now. The publisher of both books is - Lonesome John, 3475 Old Conejo Road, Suite C-6, Newbury Park, California, 91320.

I would appreciate feed back from all members who place WANT LISTS in the Love Letter. I need to know if you are getting answers.

TO: Love Token Society Members

FROM: Autence A. Bason, President

This is to bring you up-to-date on the appointment of the Secretary-Treasurer for the Society. Joseph H. Lowry, Elmwood Park, Illinois, has been appointed as of February 14th and is doing this issue of the Love Letter. Joe is a charter member and is presently on the Board. He retired from his own management business the first of January, 1983, but will still be on call as a consultant. I know that Joe will be looking for your help by sending in articles and ads. The Love Letter is not supposed to be the editors publication only, but also the voice of the members.

Mrs. Patricia A. Tofer, Fair Haven, N.J., has been appointed to the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term left by the new Secretary. Patricia volunteered for Secretary, but was happy that Joe decided to fill the vacancy for she is a newcomer and would like to get acquainted through the office of director.

A big "thank you" to George Osborn, New Orleans, LA, for volunteering also.

Out thanks to Louise Campbell for a job well done. Louise is now Vice-President.

Now I want each of you to start on an exhibit for ANA in San Diego bearing in mind that you are only competing with other Love Token exhibits since we have our own classification. Plan now to be at the Love Token meeting at ANA. Time and date in later Love Letter.

As Autence Bason stated, a club or society is only as good as its members. We need input from all of you. I am sure everyone would like to see some of the Love Tokens that members have in their various collections. I would like each of you to take a couple of tokens, or a piece of jewelery that you feel represents some of your best and share them with us. Just send me a good xerox copy and put some descriptive material with it. Maybe you have an unusual story to tell regarding the way they were obtained. It takes so little effort and money to do this. We will feature a few in each future Love Letter.

By the way, have you noticed the beautiful Love Tokens that appear at the top of each Love Letter? Each issue has different tokens. Would you like some information about them as they appear?

I am sure that the members would find it interesting to know how someone started collecting Love Tokens - let's hear your story. I will start the ball rolling - bear with me. I am not a writer.

About twenty years ago, my wife and I were playing bridge at a neighbor's house. In the course of the evening, my friend told me that he found a strange looking gold piece in his late mother's possessions. Knowing that I was a coin collector, he asked for my opinion. He brought out the small gold piece and it was a Type One, Liberty Head, 1849-1854, one dollar gold piece. When I turned the coin over, there was a name nicely engraved on the reverse. It was a Love Token with my name on it - JOE! My friend had no idea or who Joe was, as there was no one in his family by that name. We concluded that it must have been a long lost beau of his mother. He insisted that I take it and I did not refuse!

My wife was the one that really made out. She not only wound up with the Love Token, but also a gold bracelet to wear it on. I wound up hooked on collecting Love Tokens.



WANTED: Love Tokens, singles, jewelery, collections, send descriptions and prices. Murray Ramon, 33 Del Rio Circle, Soquel, California, 95073.

WANTED: Love Token with D or DL, also S, SV or the name of Shirley. Don Valenziano, Jr., P.O.Box 10161, Chicago, Illinois, 60610.

WANTED: Love Token, one dollar gold pieces. Will pay good cash price. Charles H. Shuttleworth, 905-B Caminito Madrigal, Carlisbad, California, 92008.

WANTED: Georgia Tokens, medals and Love Tokens with names: "Helen", "Georgia", "Colbert" and with initials: "HLC", "DCC", "LNC" and "BGC". Also interested in nicely engraved trade or advertising tokens with designs similar to those appearing on engraved coins or love tokens. Describe and price in first letter. R. W. Colbert, 4156 Livsey Road, Tucker, Georgia, 30084.

WANTED: Coins with carvings of birds on either or both sides, with or without initials, any metal. Will trade for coins or purchase out right. Will reply to all offers. Bob Lackey, P.O. Box 20, Old Mission, Michigan, 49673.

WANTED: Dollar-sized love tokens including all foreign coins, engraved on one side or both, paying minimum \$35 for Morgan dollars with a monogram, more for fancy work, figures, enamel, lockets, box-coins, etc.

FOR SALE: 1. 1854 arrows half dollar pin removed, engraved, "Mary C. Rainey, Married Nov. 12, 1868" fancy rim design. F \$25.
2. Canada 5 cent Victoria Old Head, holed, "JUBILEE/1897" XF \$5.00.
3. Half dollar (one side blank), engraved: "T.J.K./and/L.F.B./married/ 2nd day of May/-1866-" VG \$15.
4. On a worn Colonial half cent copper (one side blank) "Dan Menzies/Born June 18th/1764 (scroll)" \$20.
5. 1853 arrows Quarter, gold plated, "Thomas D. Koehler/Born/Sept.29th 1834/Died/of Yellow Fever/July 27th 1853" AU SMALL top hole. Fine lettering work. Unusual. \$75.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

Income: \$1,232.61 - Bal.	
25.00 - Donations	
45.00 - Dues	
(140.70) - Expenses	
<u>\$1,161.91</u>	

Expenses:	
Check #102 - Printing	\$ 59.10
Check #103 - Misc. Supplies	33.60
Check #104 - Stamped Envelopes	48.00
	\$ 140.70

191 MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS

Robert E. Ulrich
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Riverton, NJ 08077

Loramae Rentfro
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Bradley, IL 60915

Thomas R. Fernandez, Jr.
3023 Ellen Ave.
Rockford, IL 61103

Rejoined and Address Change

I. Wm. Fobair - C. (Mrs.)
Mogadishu, Somalia, AID
Washington, D.C. 20523

Thanks to Murray Ramon for this month's donation.

The Love Token Society wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Marjorie Baker Ross. Mrs. Ross died April 30, 1983. She had been a member of our society since 1973. She was also a long time member of the Chicago Coin Club, a charter member of the Illinois Numismatic Association, and a life member of the American Numismatic Association.

From: Autence A. Bason, President

Dear Love Token Members:

Our annual meeting is to be held in San Diego at the ANA Convention, Tuesday morning, August 16, 1983, 10:00 A.M. in the Sunset Room-Meeting House. There may be other changes, so be sure to check your program at the convention. We are planning an interesting program and former President, Ken Hallenbeck will be our speaker. He is bringing his engraving font and tools so we can look forward to a demonstration.

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Bring your extra Love Tokens with you and we will have an auction if there is enough interest.

Two of our members are running for the Board of Governors of ANA, Kenneth L. Hallenbeck and Dr. Sol Taylor, so be sure to vote for them when you receive your ballot.

Kenneth L. Hallenbeck
P.O. Box 15, Colorado Springs, CO 80901
LM-1400

Uniquely qualified, having served five years as an ANA Headquarters employee handling security, complaints, museum, donations, purchasing, building management, building addition construction; six years ANA Board member chairing Young Numismatists, Hall of Fame, Bylaws and Insurance Committees. Coordinated Young Numismatist and Intermediate Numismatic Correspondence Courses. Major contributor to Boy Scout coin collecting merit badge booklet. Manages Lewis Reagan Memorial Foundation. 1974 Assay Commissioner. Member and past president of many smaller specialty numismatic organizations. Ken feels he represents the small collector.

Ken proposes to change from four to two-year terms, as Board members will be more responsive to membership; change current numbered seats to three at-large and four geographical seats for better representation: east, mideast, midwest and west; limit total years a board member can serve to 20 to bring in new people and fresh ideas; if a Board member becomes President, propose that he can then serve only one more term after presidency, regardless of total years served, unless total more than 20, then no term; limit number of coin dealers on board to four maximum, since ANA is and should remain basically a collectors' organization; better define code-of-ethics violations so faster disciplinary action can be taken, for example, if refunds aren't made, or merchandise isn't shipped within 30 days after receipt, or three or more bad checks written in three separate transactions in a year; because conventions are too big and expensive, change to accommodate smaller dealers and "average" collectors; and require appropriately pre-planned budget.



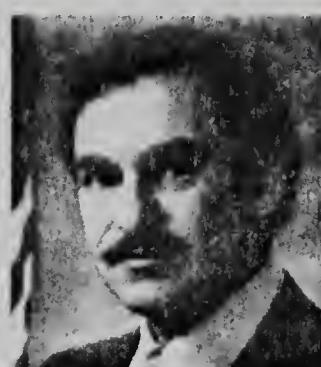
Sol Taylor
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ANA-805

I see this position, as well as the ANA itself, as an educational arm of the membership. As a retired educator with thirty years experience teaching at secondary and college levels, I feel amply qualified for the post. I served as an officer in the business sector, the public sector, and in numismatics, providing me with the experience needed to carry out organizational objectives.

I served as president of NASC (1975-76), Whittier Coin Club, Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles, and was host to the 1975 ANA summer convention in California. I was president of the Sierra High School Teachers Association and am president of my own convention business. I published two books, the latest, *The Comprehensive Guide to the Lincoln Cent*, and served as a contributing editor to *Private Coin Collector* and as a contributor to the *Official ANA Guide to Grading U.S. Coins*. I have received a dozen literary awards for articles published in the *NASC Quarterly*.

I served the ANA directly in 1975, 1976 and 1977 at the summer seminars, teaching the popular grading classes. I also contributed a section to the Young Numismatists Correspondence Course, a chapter on grading. I have conducted grading seminars for several organizations in the past ten years.

I envision the ANA in the decade before its 100th anniversary leading the way in educating the public about the values of the science of numismatics and educating those in the field in the many facets of numismatics. My platform rests on those objectives.

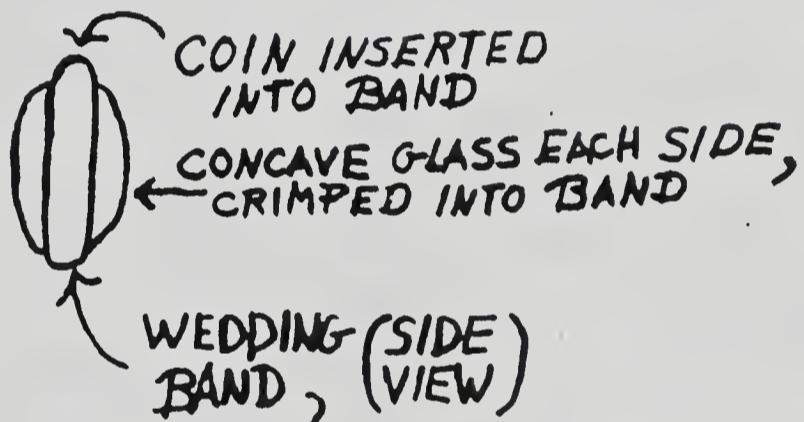


The American Numismatic Association is putting on a drive for new members. If any of the Love Token Society are not members of the ANA, and wish to join, please notify me and I will send you an application. The Love Token Society is a member and will sponsor you. The yearly dues are \$18.00. This fee includes the monthly publication, "THE NUMISMATIST" for collectors of coins, medals, tokens and paper money.

We have had no response to the request for articles from the members about collecting, etc. However, a gentlemen by the name of Robert Wester, a non-member, was kind enough to send me a copy of an article that he wrote.

Tokens of Love

Why is numismatics continually up and coming? Because occasionally numismatists have the good fortune to locate and obtain what they consider to be unusual numismatic prizes such as these "Tokens of Love."



The illustration is provided to acquaint the reader and numismatist with these possibly unique items.

The three wedding bands with eyelets attached appear to have been on a man's pocket watch chain. Inserted in the silver band is an Abraham Lincoln Civil War token. In my personal examination, I found this token to be struck in silver and exhibiting proof like surfaces. (See Fuld's Civil War Tokens, 1960 Whitman Publishers.) Fuld obverse 129 or 130 and reverse 349. Rarity 9. 2 to 4 known.

Most impressive are the two gold wedding bands; inserted in each band and protected by the glass are mint struck violet toned proof like medalets of Andrew Jackson who appears on both obverses. One of the medalets is listed in (Doyle DeWitt's "A Century of Campaign Buttons 1789-1889"), this 18 millimeter silver mint struck medalet is Andrew Jackson 1832-4. It is an original of 1833, not the restrike of October 1861. The name Bernard G. Farrell is engraved around the outside of this band and is dated July 1st 1860.

A civilian bust of George Washington is on the reverse of this mint struck 18 millimeter silver medalet inserted in the second gold wedding band. The engravers initials Anthony Paquet, appear at the bottom of the bust of the right shoulder. This reverse is the same as the obverse of mint cabinet medalet #602 which is listed on page 241 of the 1972 revised edition, (Medals of the United States Mint) issued for public sale.

Is this non contemporary political medalet an unknown pattern? Possibly an unlisted mint issue? It seems logical that if this mint medalet was known by Alfred Saturlee it would certainly have been listed by Doyle DeWitt in the non contemporary political section beginning on page 406.

Now having read this account, have you ever seen any mounted medalets and or similar to them? Could be the forerunners to American love tokens?

(Note: The author would be interested in any comments and explanation regarding this article and these, "Tokens of Love." Robert Wester, 54 High Street, Suncook, N.H. 03275)

On the request for information from members who placed WANT ADS, I received answers from two members. Neither of them had any answers to their ads, but both did contact other members and purchased some nice tokens. The following are two that were purchased.



WANTED: Prisoner Love Token (English, etc.) Usually "punch work." Should mention sentence, etc. Please send description and price. Bradley Coleman, P.O. Box 948, East Orange, NJ, 07019.

WANTED: U.S. Half Cent Love Tokens. Gary C. Robinson, Route 9, Green Valley, Easley, SC, 29640.

WANTED: Love Tokens with bicycle, tricycle or horse. Initial "L" tokens: PJN, CBN - names: Phyllis, Charles. Also, interested in carved coins including Hobo Nickels. Phyllis Needleman, Apt.11W, 2100 Linwood Avenue, Ft. Lee, NJ, 07024.

WANTED: All Love Tokens of all kinds - gold especially. I will buy or trade - jewelery - silver dollars - Franklin Mint items - gems of all kinds - for your Love Tokens. Interested in singles or complete collections. Murray Ramon, 33 Del Rio Circle, Soquel, CA, 95073.

WANTED: Collector wishes to purchase nice love tokens, esgraved on 1933 dated (U.S. & Foreign) coins. Will also buy your Georgia tokens and medals (all types wanted). Please include descriptions/prices with your offer. R. W. Colbert, 4156 Livsey Road, Tucker, Georgia, 30084.

Sol Taylor

P.O. Box 5465
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(213) 986-7257

June 15, 1983

Mrs. Autence Bason
P.O. Box 21066
Greensboro, NC 27420

Dear Mrs. Bason:

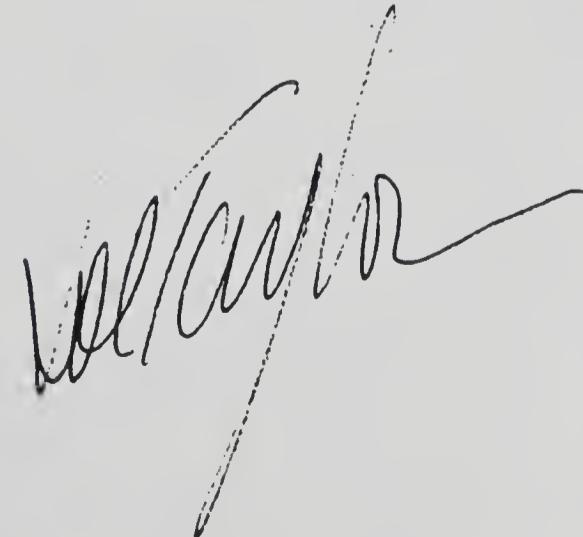
As a long-time collector and dealer in tokens including love tokens, I have decided to embark on a project--The Standard Guide to Love Tokens. I have quite a bit of information already, but need nice quality black and white photos of selected love tokens. If you could mention this in the LOVE LETTER I can be in touch with collectors who have such photos. The objectives of such as book are: 1. encourage collectors of love tokens--expanding LTS membership, 2. establish some price guidelines on love tokens, and 3. provide a platform for collectors to show off their prizes.

Since the last issue, I have found (and sold) some real winners-- a Mexican 8 Reales of 1801 engraved on one side "From Grandma July 1, 1866" undoubtedly a pocket piece used as legal tender in Grandma's days. A real find at the June Long Beach show was the first known Hawaiian dollar (1883) with the obverse engraved with a monogram and remnants of a buckle on the edges. A choice ten coin bracelet also was traded--but each coin was enameled! A very nice show piece--sold to a loving collector in Santa Ana. Another find was a Spanish peso engraved with the initials of four family members for their beloved father surrounding a cross with rays, circa 1897. And in the lot was a modern oddity--and engraved Peace dollar!

Anyway, we keep looking. Such a book would undoubtedly spark more research into love tokens, into collecting love tokens, and pricing them closer to their real value in relation to other tokens, counterstamped coins, and medals.

The membership of LTS can really help make this project work. Photos can be sent to me at the address above--full credit will go to all contributors. Also, I'd like to know of the existence of odd love tokens--such as those on U.S. Colonial coins, early bust coinage, coins of Puerto Rico, Mexico, Philippines, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, crowns of all nations, and early coins pre-1800.

Thank you,



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NO. 91



FINANCIAL REPORT

Income: \$1,161.91 - Balance
 35.00 - Dues
(166.80) - Expenses
 \$1,030.11

Expenses:
 Check #105 - Office Supplies \$ 27.00
 Check #106 - Printing 51.30
 Check #107 - Postage & Supplies 26.70
 Check #108 - Stamped Envelopes 60.00
 Acct. Cost 1.80
\$166.80

195 MEMBERS

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Moved, left no forwarding address - does anyone know where?

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WANTED:

Love Tokens, preferably on U.S. Dimes and Half-Dimes with the following names and or initials. Zackary, Valerie, Linda, Michael, Vivian, Amy. ZAC, VFC, VFR, HWR, RKB, RKR, RWR, LAR, MAR, DAH, BNV, BNR, BPR, MJR, PAR, PAD, MMR, VZP. ZA, VF, HR, RR, LR, BP, BR, MJ, RD, RW, VP. Z, V. Will trade or buy. Contact Lora Rentfro, 532 Hemlock Lane, Bradley, IL 60915

WANTED:

Private collector wishes to purchase love tokens with name (or word) "Love" thereon - Merchants tokens with fancy engraved monograms, scenes, symbols, etc. U.S. and foreign love tokens with variant forms of a good luck fylfot symbol - Georgia tokens and medals. Include descriptions and prices with your offer - Thanks! R. W. Colbert, 4156 Livsey Road, Tucker, GA 30084.

FOR SALE:

I recently acquired a couple of small collections of Love Tokens. Will sell for \$8.00 each and up, depending on the type and quality. Send SASE with inquiry to, Dave Cutitta, 33 Woodrow Rd., Batavia, NY 14020.

FOR SALE:

Love token linked bracelet with eight seated Liberty dimes.. Dates range from '883 to '887. Nicely engraved with names; Minnie, Papa, Grandma, Annie, Marion, and the other three are all ornate initials. Another bracelet which is a belt type, nicely engraved. This has five seated Liberty dimes. Names are: Annie, Christina, Aunt Hattie, Aunt Phebe, and one initialed token. There are three tokens missing on the bracelet. Asking price for both bracelets is \$150.00. Contact Raymond LeClair, 14 Tyngsboro Rd., Dracut, MA 01826.

WANTED:

Exotic love tokens--on large foreign coins, pre-1830 issues, on large cents, half cents, Colonial coins, combined with counter-stamps, on oddities, on tokens, --the odder the better. I recently acquired a Hawaii dollar love token, a Philippines peso (1897) love token, a four piece love token made from a seated quarter with three California gold pieces soldered onto it, and a '00 coin necklace made from 3¢ silver pieces! That's my kind of WANT list. Can you furnish? Call, ship, or write. ----- Dr. Sol Taylor, P.O. Box 5465, N. Hollywood, CA 91616

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August 25, 1983

LTS
Newsletter

Here is the 1983-84 "official" Love Token Buying Price List:

Prices are quoted for Love Tokens on coins that are graded G-VF with no major damage such as bending, deep scratches, blackened, more than one hole, or excess solder. More for XF-AU, fancy engraving, enamel, bezels, figures.

	G-VF	
Half cents	\$3.50	
Large cents	4.50-7.50	
Flying eagle	2.50	
Indian head cents	1.00	More for dates 1868-1876
1909 Lincolns	1.00	
Other Lincolns	.50	More for semikey and key dates
Bust half dimes	3.50	
Seated half dimes	3.00	Same for silver three cents and nickel 3¢ pieces.
Bust dimes	4.00	On Bust coinage, <u>much</u> more for pre-1800 dates.
Seated dimes	3.50	On Seated Liberty coins, more for the low
Barber dimes	3.00	mintage coins 1879-1891.
Mercury dimes	2.50	33-50% more for figures, scenics, birds, etc.
Bust quarters	20.00	
Seated quarters	5.00	and up depending on dates
Barber quarters	5.00	
StgLib Typ I	7.50	
StgLib Type II	4.50	
Twenty cents	10.00	More for 1875CC, 1876, and much more for 1877-78.
Bust halves	20.00	and up <u>1796-1797 Pay \$250 Minimum.</u>
Seated halves	10.00	
Barber halves	7.50	
LW Halves	6.00	
Bust dollars	100.00	and up, date very critical
Goebrecht dollar	250.00	and up Seated dollars 75.00 and up.
Trade dollars	25.00	Genuine coins only. Fakes worth 15.00
Morgans	30.00	and up--style major factor in pricing
Peace dollars	17.50	Style, message, design, important factors
All foreign coins of pre-1900 vintage	wanted	prices 10-20% off U.S. prices for similar sized coins.
One \$ gold	25.00	and up On gold coins, style, design, message, and condition all important factors.
\$2½ gold	55.00	and up
\$3 gold	POR	Prices quoted are for monograms on smooth undecorated surfaces with some wear.
\$5 gold	100.00	and up
\$10 gold	200.00	and up For messages of love and dates with fancy borders, prices run 25-100% higher.
\$20 gold	600.00	and up

WE BUY ALL love tokens, counterstamped coins, coin jewelry made from pre-1900 coins, combination pieces, coin oddities, and merchant's tokens. Free appraisals to LTS members.

Engraving is like handwriting, each engraver has his own style and can be indentified by this.

Modern engraving, which is done by machine, lacks the quality and originality that was achieved by the old methods. It was mentioned that a school of engraving may still exist in Lancaster, PA. Ken will try to get information from the school and submit an article to the society on his findings.

The Love Token Society wishes to thank Ken Hallenbeck for his excellent and informative talk.

Next on the program was a slide presentation on unusual Love Tokens which was presented by Sterling Rachootin. Included in the presentation were, gold bracelets, Masonic, commemorative, Russian, Great Britain, broken bank notes, postage stamps, U.S. quarters, halves, and many others. All of which depicted unusual Love Tokens. Thanks to Sterling Rachootin.

Thanks to Bill Fivaz for the additional Love Token slide attraction.

Sol Taylor ran the Love Token Auction. There were individual pieces auctioned and all brought over the reserve bid price.

Mentioned at the meeting - there will be an election of officers and directors next year. Keep this in mind, as we will be looking for new names and faces!

There will be a mid-year meeting of the Love Token Society. This will be held Saturday, January 7, 1984 at the F.U.N. Convention, in Curtis Hixson Hall, Tampa, Florida. A good place to go and get out of the cold winter snows!

I have a few pages available for the Love Token Scrapbook. Pages 167 -8-9, 170-1-2-3-4, 191-2-3-4. Members who are missing these pages may have them, no charge, on a first come basis. Please, send some postage! I hope to have more pages available at a later date, drop me a line - Joe Lowry.

Dr. Sol Taylor is asking for more in put from the members on his LTS Book project. He would appreciate more B&W photos from all of you.

LOVE TOKEN SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Love Token Society was held in San Diego, California on August 16, 1983. The president of the Society, Mrs. Autence Bason, presided over the meeting. Other members that attended the meeting were:

Gilvin Ayers	- Pomona, California
Kenneth Barr	- San Jose, California
Joan Bitterman	- Las Vegas, Nevada
Carl Cozine	- Las Vegas, Nevada
Bill Fivaz	- Dunwoody, Georgia
Ken Hallenbeck	- Colorado Springs, Colorado
William Henderson	- Colorado Springs, Colorado
Jean Lovell	- Ojai, California
Sterling Rachootin	- North Hollywood, California
Gordon Swetland	- Hillsboro, Oregon
Sol Taylor	- North Hollywood, California
Emilie White	- North Hollywood, California
Suzanne Zeborzy	- San Clemente, California

Mrs. Ruth Hammell, of Cumberland, Maryland, also attended. Mrs. Hammill is a former charter member of the society. We also had the pleasure of having Ms. Marge Russell of Coin World and Mrs. Russ Ruleau of Numismatic News, attend the meeting. There were approximately 35 visitors who dropped in and stayed for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Autence Bason. In the absence of Joseph Lowry, the Secretary, the minutes were taken by Mrs. Mae Clark. Mrs. Clark is an old friend of the President and we wish to thank her for helping out.

There was a discussion on the gain and loss of members and the society is staying about even. We feel, if more members would take an active part, the membership would increase. We need to hear from the members - send articles, suggestions, opinions, news items on your collections. Let us hear from you!

The Love Token Society wishes to express its deepest sympathy to Donald Knapp whose wife, Helen, passed away on August 4, 1983. It would be nice if members would send cards to Don, who is a long-time member and has done so much for the Love Token Society. The address is: 1804 Willow Circle, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80906.

NOTE: There was only one Love Token exhibit at the ANA convention. The exhibit contained three Love Tokens and the title was "Love Token." The exhibitor was Agatha B. Deegan, of San Diego, California.

Ken Hallenbeck was the speaker on the program. His talk was on old engraving and the special tools that were used. Each tool had a definite function to produce the elaborate engraving of that period. Ken also demonstrated the use of the engraving font and tools. One of the tools that he displayed had the name of the company who made it - Eyra F. Bowman & Co., Lancaster, PA, patent March 12, 1889.

Hallenbeck to speak

The art of engraving will be discussed by Kenneth Hallenbeck, newly elected governor of the American Numismatic Association, at the 11th meeting of the Love Token Society during the ANA convention in San Diego.

The meeting will be Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. in the Sunset Room of the Meeting House of the Town and Country Hotel, site of the convention.

Hallenbeck, a former president of the society, will use his own engraving tools to demonstrate the unique processes which distinguish love tokens from the coins from which they are made.

"To the uninitiated, a love token is a coin which has one or both sides planed off, then engraved with initials, names or

scenes," explains LTS director Helen Moore. "It is believed that the custom started in England by sailors and prisoners and then spread to America. Examples have been found on U.S. coins from half cents to \$20 gold pieces, and on world coins. Some of the engraving is crude; some is very artistic."

A recently completed survey of members' collections of love tokens reveals that all manner of coins were used. Most popular among the U.S. pieces are all denominations of the Seated Liberty series, half dimes, Barber dimes, Indian Head cents and gold dollar coins.

Miscellaneous pieces recorded are silver planchets, a prisoner of war 90-cent piece, a Bank of New York token, a four-piece Maundy set, Hard

Times tokens, Civil War tokens, a 1724 sixth thaler and Hawaiian money.

Unusual love tokens will be shown in a slide program by Sterling A. Rachhootin during the meeting. Also planned is a small auction.

Current officers of the LTS are Autence A. Bason, president; Louise M. Campbell, vice president; Joseph H. Lowry, secretary/treasurer; and Helen Moore, Mimi Bizic, Thelma Carter, George Osborn, Gary C. Robinson and Patricia A. Topfer, board of directors.

Membership in the society is \$5 per year. Information on the club can be obtained from officers at the convention or by writing Lowry at 1832 N. 77th Ave., Elmwood Park, Ill. 60635.



Love Token Society

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LETTER



FINANCIAL REPORT

Income: \$1,030.00	- Balance
35.00	- Dues
10.00	- Donation
6.15	- Interest
(81.00)	- Expenses
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Expenses:	
Check #109 - Printing	\$47.55
Check #110 - Postage &	
Supplies	31.35
Acct. Cost	2.10
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\$81.00	

197 MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS

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3404 N. 105th Plaza
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Thanks to Helen Moore for this month's donation. Miss Moore is one of the founders of the Love Token Society.

Helen Moore also sent me an interesting story on her latest acquisition, which is on a twenty dollar gold piece. The story goes something like this: The son visited his father in Louisville in 1863, at which time the father gave him a twenty dollar gold piece. Later the father died, but the son was in a hospital and could not go to see him or go to the funeral. So he had the gold piece engraved as a remembrance. This is what it says in script:

"From
- My Father -
in camp at Louisville
Jan-2-63 the last time
I saw him alive, he having
died Mar 25 following
while I was in hospital
at Nashville Tenn

Ja^s. A. WILCOX"

The obverse of the coin is the Liberty Head and is dated 1852.

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WANTED: Information - Have a token on a seated liberty dime. There are four letters positioned as follows: Top, letter I - right side, letter L - bottom, letter S - left side, letter O. There is a small star between each letter. The engraving in the center is of a medieval gauntlet. Is it a fraternal organization??



Also, I am looking for tokens with names on seated liberty dimes - will trade. Don Valenziano, Jr., P.O. Box 10161, Chicago, IL, 60610.

WANTED: The name Katy or the initials KC on 1\$, 2 1/2\$, or 3\$ gold pieces. Write Jean K. Lovell, 615 Del Norte Road, Ojai, CA, 93023.

WANTED: Georgia Tokens and medals of every description and U.S. or Foreign (Love?) Tokens with war/battle scenes and those showing military personnel and hardware (armament) from hand guns to cannons, planes, ships, tanks, land vehicles, etc. Write: R. W. Colbert, 4156 Livsey Road, Tucker, Georgia, 30084.

WANTED: Love tokens made from Canadian coins. Also, WANTED: Merchant (trade) tokens from Portis, Kansas and Osborne, Kansas. Please describe and price. FOR SALE: I have a few hobo nickels for sale. \$7.50 each ppd. (Please include a SASE for check return if sold.) Darryl Matter, Box 1190, Carrollton, GA, 30117.

Some of the members might be interested in articles on hobo nickels. I am putting two articles in this newsletter. If there is an interest for more on this subject, let me know.

Please send your black and white photographs of your Love Tokens to Dr. Sol Taylor, P.O. Box 5465, N. Hollywood, CA, 91616. I am sure we all want to obtain a copy of his new book, The Standard Guide to Love Tokens. The more help he gets from the society members - the faster the book will be completed.

He can use at least a good sample of at least each denomination available-- from the half cent to the silver dollar and gold coins series.

Also, obverse and reverse would be helpful, though not essential.

Specifically, he needs a sample of a plain single monogram--no borders, a monogram with a fancy border, and finally a monogram with either raised lettering or enameled lettering or gold-overlay lettering. These are his three general categories of surface features: namely - plain, fancy and elaborate. Then he can use some samples pictorials scenics, birds, fish, tools, Masonics, people. Finally, a few sample pieces are needed with messages--such as "John Jones, Born 12-12-08 and died of yellow fever 1-3-64 at Manassas" -- or "JB to RS With Love, 1-5-78", or any message easily understood.

His categories of inscriptions now include:

CAT A: Monograms: plain, fancy, and elaborate

CAT B: Scenics

CAT C: Messages

NEWS RELEASE

from

Congressman

FRANK ANNUNZIO

11th Congressional District — Illinois



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Curtis A. Prins
Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage
(202) 226-3280
Monday, September 19, 1983

BAN IMPORTATION OF SOVIET GOLD COINS

"It is time to ban the importation of Russian gold coins into the United States," according to Chairman Frank Annunzio (D-Ill.) of the House Consumer Affairs and Coinage Subcommittee. "We must no longer permit the Soviet Union to sell its gold coins here to pay its fighter pilots to kill our citizens. To put a stop to these imports, I will offer an amendment to the Export Administration Amendments Act when that bill is brought to the Floor."

Over the past four and one-half years, the Soviet Union has exported nearly \$46 million worth of gold coins to the United States. These coins include 1980 Moscow Olympic coins as well as a gold bullion coin known as a chervonetz. The sale of these coins is used by the Soviet Union to raise much needed hard currency for trade with the West.

"While I doubt that any patriotic Americans would buy Soviet coins in protest over the murders, the Soviets will count on Americans forgetting the tragedy as time passes. The ban on these coins will assure that we will not forget. There will not be a return to business as usual as long as the Soviet Union continues on its current course.

"No action we can take will ever bring back the 269 persons who died in the air over the Sea of Japan, but this step at least will show the Soviet government that we will not help them fund their atrocities," said Annunzio.

Two sided coins can be both one category or two categories. If you have some of the latter, He'd love to have photos. They may be the most desirable of the Love Tokens.

Engravings on unusual coins also wanted--Colonial coins, pre-1860 foreign coins, Bust coinage, Seated and bust dollars, commems other than Columbians, Puerto Rican coins, Hawaiian coins, etc.

Whatever you can furnish will be appreciated.

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The art of engraving by hand, demonstrated by antique tools, was presented by Kenneth Hallenbeck, left, at the Love Token Society meeting. Autence A. Bason, center, officiated at the session. Dr. Soi Taylor, right, is publishing a handbook and guide to collecting love tokens. It will include black and white photos.

Antique engraving tools and an engraving font, a unique device for vintage engravings in metal, presented by their owner, Kenneth Hallenbeck,

fascinated members of the Love Token Society as they met Aug. 16 in San Diego.

Hallenbeck, who was recently returned to the ANA board as a governor, demonstrated the function of the finely tooled device and the high quality tools of steel designed for precision engraving, now becoming a lost art, he said.

A series of unusual love tokens were viewed through the medium of slides, presented by Sterling A. Rachhoutin, of Hollywood, during the meeting, followed by a lively auction of love tokens.

Autence A. Bason officiated at the meeting with Mae Clarke acting as secretary pro tem. Louise M. Campbell is

vice president; Joseph H. Lowry, secretary. Directors include Helen E. Moore, Mimi Bizic, Thelma Carter, George Osborn, Gary C. Robinson and Patricia A. Topfer.

Love tokens are coins which have one or both sides planed off and engraved with initials, names or scenes. It is believed the custom started in England by sailors and prisoners and then spread to America. Often the engravings are classified as folk art.

Inquiries concerning membership should go to Joseph H. Lowry, 1832 North 77th Ave., Elmwood Park, Ill. 60635. Dues are \$5 for the ANA-member club which has 200 members.

On hobo nickels

Romines begins research for second book

Overwhelming response to Hobo Nickels, Prisoner Nickels, Shop Tokens, Modern Engravings has prompted author Delma K. Romines to begin re-

search on another hobo nickel reference, scheduled for release in 1984.

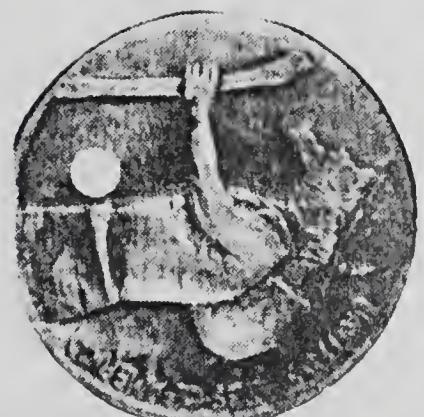
In addition to updated information on hand-altered Buffalo nickels and other coins, the book will include a current price guide, details of carving methods, a list of known artists and a number of self portraits. To help compile information for the book, Romines is offering a complimentary token commemorating the hobo and the art of nickel carving to persons sending information on this popular form of folk art. His address is P.O. Box

19077, Louisville, Ky. 40219. One mystery man Romines hopes to identify in the book is a migrant worker known to have traveled throughout Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Mississippi.

"When he finished his two-week to 1 1/2-month stay on farms or ranches, he would present his employer with a hand-carved self-portrait as a token of appreciation," Romines says. He has seen specimens dated 1930-1935, and has heard of the existence of one from 1929.

Romines is also intrigued by nickels bearing portraits of women. "There are some indications that a female carver may have been active in the teens and '20s," he notes, referring to coins with the initials JT or JK. While "all have the same basic hair style, even though profiles vary slightly, enough of these coins have not been inspected to make a determination."

One of the earliest of the master nickel carvers was a hobo named Bert, known for



Female portraits on carved coins are best illustrated by these two coins—at left, a creation of Bert the hobo; at right, an unidentified coin, possibly a self-portrait.



removing the L, I and Y from LIBERTY to sign his work. Romines speculates that Bert may have created several female portraits, in honor of a wife or lover, while roaming North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. While Bert produced thousands of nickels in his life, only a few dozen have surfaced. Romines hopes to uncover additional samples in researching for the book.

Romines is also looking for additional types of nickel reverse carvings. Among the more popular devices are donkeys and elephants, turtles, keys and people.

Persons wishing to send information or carved nickel samples should contact Romines. He says he would prefer nothing on modern copies.

The forthcoming book will feature photographs by Bill Fivaz. Publisher will be "Lone-Five" John Devine.

Free tokens commemorating the days of the hobos and their unique brand of folk art—the carved Buffalo nickel—will be given to persons assisting in the research of a forthcoming book on hobo nickels.

From whose hand did this self-portrait dated 1930 come? One of a series of portraits dated 1930-1935, it will be featured in an upcoming book by hobo nickel expert Delma K. Romines.



Readers send hobo nickels

By Del Romines

Since the first hobo nickels story was published in Coin World Jan. 21, 1981, about "Bo the Hobo," many events have taken place.

First, I would like to thank Coin World for publishing the articles. Most of all, I want to thank the many people who have commented favorably

about the articles.

The response by readers was overwhelming, not only in the comments made by them, but also in the deluge of hobo nickels sent for my study, comments, and offers of hobos for sale.

In the past 11 months over 600 Hobo nickels have crossed my desk, and approximately

200 of these have been photographed.

These hobo nickels have ranged from mutilated coins to delicate works of sheer genius; autographed to symbolic; beautiful to grotesque; cigarette, to cigar, to pipe smoker; stubble to stately beards; Can-

ada to Puerto Rico; New Jersey to California, and pushed metal artistry.

In all, 617 Hobo nickels from 23 states were sent or brought to me. Thank all of you for sharing, and I apologize for not acknowledging each one of you in this article.



Women, not a frequently used as subjects, show a wide range of artistry, from ornate detail to simple elegance.

Bearded men and donkeys are favorite subjects on hobo nickels which were originally Indian Head and Buffalo five-cent coins. The bearded man at left is a rare pushed metal hobo nickel.



Soldiers are popular subjects as evidenced by the Spanish coin at left, which garbs the king in uniform. This hobo was sent from Puerto Rico. At right, an American nickel portrays a soldier of World War I vintage. The pushed metal (hat rim and ear raised) gives a true three-dimensional effect, a rare type of hobo nickel.



Occasionally the artist signs his work as in this autographed specimen.